



Mother's Day  
edition

# Twister hits the Midwest

At least 43 killed,  
hundreds injured,  
in Oklahoma, Kansas

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Tornadoes  
in Oklahoma and Kansas  
last night, wiping out whole  
neighborhoods, killing at least 43  
people and injuring hundreds.  
At least 11,000 homes were  
damaged in Oklahoma City alone,  
and the house started shak-  
ing during the big rumble," said 74-  
year-old Bernice Burch, who hid in  
the basement of her southwest  
Oklahoma City home during the  
storm and everything flew in

the air popped, debris flew  
everywhere as the twister  
raged through the heavily  
populated suburbs of Oklahoma City,  
heading northeast. The torna-  
do was part of a storm system that  
moved into neighboring  
Kansas. Emergency workers  
were sifting through the debris as dark-  
ness fell. Warnings remained in  
effect. Popped cars littered two  
blocks. "It was chaotic," said Sharla  
Burch, director of community rela-  
tions at the hospital. "We've  
seen many patients in I don't  
know how many have here."

Three were killed in Bridge  
City, 30 miles southwest of  
Oklahoma City, said Ben Frizzell,  
chief of the state Office of  
Emergency Management. He report-



Steve  
Lipscomb  
pulls  
debris  
from the  
pile of rubble  
that was his  
parent's home.  
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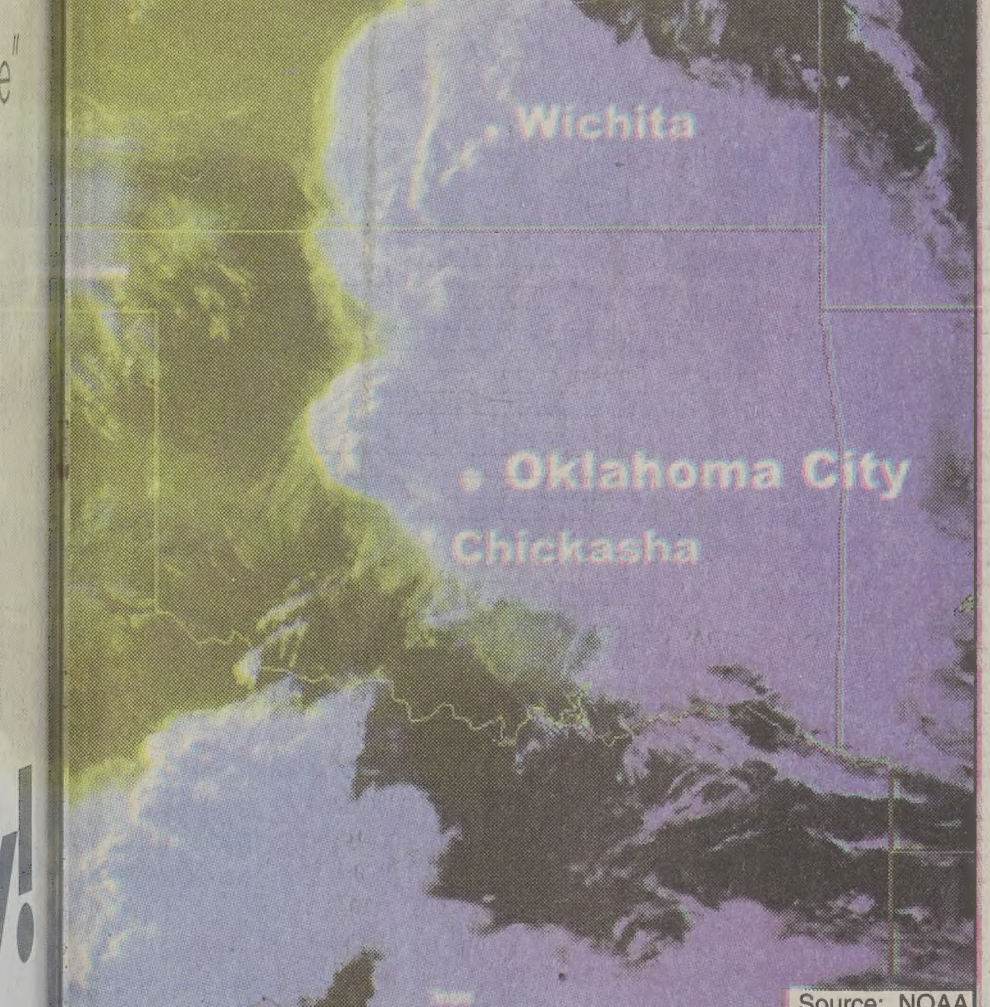
ed four other deaths in Midwest City,  
a suburb.

Oklahoma City police said there  
were at least eight confirmed deaths  
there. Three were reported dead in  
Moore, just south of Oklahoma City.  
Another death was reported by officials  
at Norman Regional Hospital.

In neighboring Kansas, six were  
reported dead in Wichita, about 150  
miles due north, according to officials.  
At least 50 people were reported  
injured.

At Oklahoma's Midwest Regional  
Medical Center said it was treating at  
least 100 injured, as did Midwest's  
hospital. Other hospitals were report-  
ing injured as well.

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Source: NOAA

## LDS Church aids tornado victims

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The Church of Jesus Christ of  
Latter-day Saints is pulling together  
help and supplies from around  
Oklahoma and Texas in response to  
the many tornadoes which struck  
Oklahoma and Kansas Monday night.

Stacie Rennaker, 21, a senior major-  
ing in humanities, from Broken  
Arrow, Okla., said her brother, Lee  
DeGeer, was in Oklahoma when the  
tornadoes hit. DeGeer was not injured  
but was unable to return home due to  
the massive destruction of the road-  
ways.

Rennaker said she doesn't think  
there is much BYU students can do to  
aid in the relief efforts, but suggested  
letters of encouragement and possible  
fund-raisers to help.

"What they need are the day to day  
things," Rennaker said. "Some of

those people have lost everything."

According to the University  
Communications Office, BYU has  
not developed any services at this  
time to aid in the relief efforts. In a  
press release from the LDS Church,  
members of the church have made a  
quick response.

In addition to the supplies of the  
Oklahoma City Bishop's Storehouse,  
two semi-trucks of food and supplies  
were scheduled to arrive Tuesday  
from the Bishop's Storehouse in  
Dallas, Texas.

The press release said supplies are  
being given to relief centers located  
in the Tuttle LDS Branch meeting-  
house and the First Baptist Church  
located near Tuttle, Okla.

Meals and shelter are provided for  
the victims of the tornadoes in the  
emergency centers while leaders of  
the South Oklahoma City Stake are  
distributing plywood and plastic for  
repairing roofs and windows.

## BYU students affected by disaster

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On Monday night BYU student Dana  
Anquoe watched the news in horror as  
a tornado ripped through Kansas and  
Oklahoma. Anquoe, 20, a sophomore  
from Del City, Okla., majoring in sec-  
ondary health education and athletic  
training, said the tornado hit less than a  
mile away from her home. Anquoe  
said she stayed up until 2 a.m. watch-  
ing CNN.

"I was flipping channels from CNN  
to NBC -- and the destruction was  
everywhere. I saw places where I had  
been, places I had driven past, the

place where I grew up -- everything  
was gone," Anquoe said.

Although Anquoe has lived in Del  
City for the past 20 years, she said she  
has never been in a tornado.

Anquoe said she couldn't call home  
at first because she didn't have a calling  
card, but she knew that her family was  
okay because if they were not, some-  
one would have called her or she  
would have had a bad feeling.

Other students weren't so sure about  
the safety of their family. Brendan  
Fairbanks, 25, a law student, from  
Oklahoma City, Okla., said all circuits  
were busy when he tried to call home  
Monday night. As of Tuesday morn-  
ing, Fairbanks was still unable to  
reach his father and twin brother.

# Mother of the year is named in Hawaii

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Two women with BYU ties were  
named as the National Mother of the  
Year and National Young Mother of the  
Year by American Mothers, Inc. on  
Saturday.

American Mothers, Inc., a national non-  
profit, inter-faith organization named  
Gail Williamson of North Hills, Calif., as  
the National Mother of the Year.

Although the Mother of the Year is the  
major award given by the organization,  
American Mothers, Inc., also honored JaLyn Prince, a  
BYU graduate from Maryland, as  
the National Young Mother of the Year.

Williamson said she hopes to use  
the opportunity to educate people  
about the individuality of children.

"Each child is a unique person  
with individual needs," she said.

Williamson learned about unique-  
ness first hand, especially through  
raising her son who has Down syn-  
drome.

That knowledge was reinforced  
when Williamson's brother and sister-  
in-law died of unrelated illness-  
es. Williamson and her husband  
Tommie decided to take in her  
brother's six daughters.

"When I said, 'Can I bring my  
brother's children home?' (my husband)  
didn't even blink," Williamson said.  
Melding two families into one  
took special care considering that  
both families grew up as members of different  
faiths.

But the Williamsons, who are  
Presbyterian, made sure the new  
children in their family, who are  
members of The Church of Jesus  
Christ of Latter-day Saints, stayed  
active in the LDS church, with the  
help on concerned home teachers  
and youth leaders. Three of  
Williamson's daughters have gone  
on to attend BYU -- two in Provo  
and one at BYU-Hawaii.

In the end the effort was worth it,  
and her family grew closer together,  
Williamson said.

"(My husband) said, 'I knew I

could love the girls, but I never  
knew I would fall in love with the  
girls,'" Williamson said.

Williamson's work with her son,  
an actor who has appeared in  
movies and television shows such as  
"ER," led her to work  
as a media advocate  
for people with disabili-  
ties.



GAIL WILLIAMSON

The road to the  
National Mother of the  
Year begins at the state  
level where a pool of  
nominees is whittled  
down to one state  
Mother of the Year,  
said Amanda Ku'u'lei  
DuPont, founding  
member of the  
Hawaiian branch of  
American Mothers,  
Inc.

Each nominee  
prepares a portfolio including essays  
about her husband, children and par-  
enting philosophies. Portfolios must  
also include letters of recommenda-  
tion, detailing the nominee's partici-  
pation in education, community  
service and religion, DuPont said.

"We look for evidences of mothers  
who have succeeded in spite of great  
challenges," she said.

Portfolios of the state Mothers of  
the Year winners are then submitted  
to a national selection committee.  
The National Mother of the Year is  
announced during the national con-  
vention of American Mothers, Inc.

For Williamson  
the work has just  
begun.

The National Mother  
of the Year is not  
allowed to rest on  
her laurels, said  
1996 National  
Mother of the Year  
Carolyn Shumway,  
of Hawaii.

Shumway, wife  
of BYU-Hawaii  
president Eric  
Shumway, said  
the job includes  
travelling around  
the nation meet-  
ing with various branches  
of American Mothers. For Shumway  
that called for three trips to the  
mainland during her term, the  
longest trip being two weeks -- not  
an easy task for a mother who still  
had children at home.

Shumway credited her husband  
with making it possible.

"My husband was my greatest sup-  
port," she said.

For more Mother's  
Day related stories  
see pages 6 and 7.

# Two residents defeat property tax

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Residents voted down a tax  
increase that would have provided  
for a year for the Provo  
School District on Tuesday.

The school administrator's office  
in the school district said 18.14 per-  
cent of the eligible population voted  
in favor with 80.9 percent vot-  
ing against and 19.1 percent for the  
tax increase.

Provo citizens opposed to the tax  
increase said the burden was too  
much for the community. Bill Harris,  
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passed it would have cost him thou-  
sands of dollars each year in new  
taxes.

"If I could see where I was getting  
something out of this I'd be 100 per-  
cent for it," he said.

Harris said part of his concern was  
that the school district was not taking  
advantage of the resources it already  
had.

Dale Porter, principal of Maeser  
Elementary School, said people who  
didn't support the tax increase often  
gave a "use what you've got" argu-  
ment. Porter said he agreed schools  
can do better but in many respects  
they already are.

"You can only stretch the elastic  
band so far," Porter said.

Although the proposal was defeated,  
Porter said the issue will resurface  
because of the nature of the problems  
in the schools. He said it isn't just a  
question of education, it is also a  
social issue.

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"By saying they have 2000 kids  
failing, they're admitting they're not  
doing enough right," he said.  
Additionally, Harris said the schools  
need to get parents involved more.

Provo resident Roger Gonzalez  
said he was concerned about educa-  
tion but said he wondered if there  
were other alternatives to spending  
more money. He said money is not  
always the answer to educational  
problems. Parents play an important  
part in the education of a child, he  
said.

"If you are not educating your kids  
from the day they are born until the  
day they enter the classroom, they're  
not going to be prepared," Gonzalez  
said.

Carolynn Pothier, a Provo resident  
and a third grade teacher at Maeser  
Elementary, said the program would  
have had a large effect on the stu-  
dents she teaches. She gave an exam-  
ple of a student with neglectful par-  
ents. Although there was no physical  
abuse, the student didn't have sup-  
port and continually failed classes.

"The program would help us to  
help him," she said.



Jenn Parrish/Universe

Provo Mayor Lewis Billings talks to a reporter after  
the budget announcement at Provo Towne Centre  
Tuesday. Residents voted down a a proposal that

would increase taxes to raise money for school  
funding.





# News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

## Mystery sickness kills 63 in Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Hemorrhagic fever has killed 63 people in northeastern Congo, but there is no indication the disease was caused by the feared Ebola virus, the World Health Organization said Tuesday.

The aid group Doctors Without Borders, which sent a team to the scene of the outbreak, said tissue samples would be sent for testing to South Africa.

Dr. Ray Arthur of the WHO department of communicable diseases said many of those sickened in the current outbreak were gold miners. He said a possible link was being investigated, but not likely.

Dr. Mark Biot, spokesman for Doctors Without Borders in Brussels, Belgium, said two women and two children who lived near the miners have also died. According to reports from relatives and friends of the deceased, many experienced respiratory problems before becoming ill. This would speak against the probability the deaths were caused by the Ebola virus, Biot said.

Hemorrhagic fevers, which include the Marburg and Ebola viruses, cause high body temperatures and bleeding.

## US Army misspells POW's name

LANDSTUHL, Germany — After being held prisoner for a month, you'd think the least the Army could do is spell your name right.

The name patch on the uniform worn by Spec. Steven Gonzales, one of three soldiers released Sunday by Yugoslavia and brought to a U.S. military hospital in Germany, reads "Gonzalez" with a "z" instead of an "s" at the end.

"We're aware of it, but we don't know how it happened," said Sgt. Josh Youngblood, a spokesman at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. "We've all been so busy we haven't had time to try to find out."

Youngblood said he didn't know if the clothing belonged to Gonzales or if someone had rustled up the outfit after his release and spelled the name wrong.

Gonzales, a 22-year-old from Huntsville, Texas, said he hasn't complained.

## Child of custody battle loses son

ORLANDO, Fla. — Kimberly Mays, who was switched at birth and became embroiled in a bitter custody battle with two sets of parents, has lost custody of her own son.

The Department of Children and Families last week placed Mays' son, Devin Weeks, in foster care, the Sun-Sentinel of Fort Lauderdale reported Tuesday. Devin turns 2 in August.

The state agency would not release details, citing confidentiality laws.

Mays was switched at birth in 1978 at a Wauchula hospital with another baby raised by Regina and Ernest Twigg.

The mix-up was discovered in 1988, when tests showed the girl the Twigg's raised was not their biological daughter. That child, Arlena Twigg, died of heart disease.

Robert Mays, who had raised Kimberly Mays from birth, battled for five years with the Twigg's over visitation rights before a judge eventually ruled the Twigg's had no legal right to act as her parents or even to visit her.

## Arkansas tour boat sinks; 13 dead

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — A Lake Hamilton tour boat went to the bottom in seconds when the vessel's pump failed to kick in and water poured in through the hull, a federal investigator said Tuesday.

The pump has become a focus of the investigation as a Navy salvage crew began preparations to raise the amphibious craft from the lake bed where it settled Saturday.

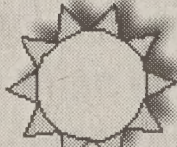
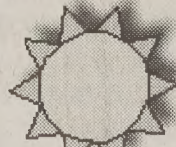
In talking with investigators on Sunday, the day after the accident, driver Elizabeth Helmbrecht said she did not hear the main pump activate, National Transportation Safety Board spokesman John A. Hammerschmidt said.

The pump is supposed to turn on if water about four inches deep reaches the center of the hull, Hammerschmidt said.

Hammerschmidt said it was not immediately clear whether mechanics had worked on the pump when it was taken in for repairs prior to the sinking.



# Weather

Yesterday			Today		Thursday	
High	53	as of		Sunny		Sunny
Low	36	5 p.m.				
Precipitation						
Yesterday	.26"		High	59	High	71
Month to date	1.82"		Low	43	Low	51
Year to date	10.76"					

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### Scripture of the Day

"And ye will not have a mind to injure one another, but to live peaceably, and to render to every man according to that which is his due."  
— Mosiah 4:13

Tyler E. Bauer said he likes this scripture because "it says that by serving other people you can better come to know your relationship with your Savior." Bauer, 25, is from Colstrip, Mont., and is majoring in zoology.

## Family, friends honor memory of Y student

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Family and friends of a BYU student killed in a car accident last week gathered to pay tribute to his life at funeral services in Provo on Tuesday.

Jason Dean Hoyt, 23, a junior from Eden Prairie, Minn., was remembered as an excellent example who "had an intense desire to succeed and perfect," said David Sedgwick, a former missionary companion, roommate and co-worker.

"Nothing that will be said today will be said for the first time about Jason Hoyt," said Sedgwick, 23, a junior from San Juan Capistrano, Calif., majoring in accounting. "He (Hoyt) made us so much better than we could have been without him."

From October 1994 to October 1996, Hoyt served under President Thomas Coburn in the Argentina, Rosario Mission. Coburn talked of Hoyt's dedication, spirit and desire to serve others.

Former missionaries from the Rosario mission filled the aisles during the service to sing "Called to Serve" in Spanish. Coburn also played a piano medley of songs that were sung during Hoyt's mission.

An additional funeral service is scheduled for Thursday in Eden Prairie, Minn., where Hoyt will be buried.

## Man drives into crowd, leaves 2 toddlers dead

Associated Press

COSTA MESA, Calif. — A Cadillac plowed into a crowd of children outside a day care center, killing two toddlers and injuring five other people. Witnesses said the driver, who was arrested for investigation of murder, appeared to act deliberately.

Steven Allen Abrams, 39, of Santa Ana may have been upset with the Southcoast Early Childhood Learning Center and intentionally crashed the car through a fence and into the schoolyard Monday evening, police said.

"He accelerated to about 35 mph to 40 mph and right when he got to the preschool, he made a sharp turn, and what witnesses say was intentional, ran into the schoolyard," Lt. Ron Smith said. The car came to a stop under a tree.

Police said they found Abrams in a daze behind the wheel but said there were no signs that he was under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Police found no skid marks or other evidence that Abrams tried to stop the brown 1967 Cadillac, and Smith said he didn't express any remorse afterward.

Abrams was led away in handcuffs past a crowd of angry neighbors, parents and workers who jeered at him.

"You feel so helpless because you can't pull them out," said Adam Brown, a youth pastor from the Light-house Coastal Community Church, across the street from the school.

A 4-year-old girl, Sierra Soto, was pinned under the car and died at the scene. A 3-year-old boy, identified by the coroner as Brandon Wiener, was transported to Hoag Hospital but died

## Yugoslavian jet shot down

Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — A MiG-29 fighter jet, the finest in Yugoslavia's air force, was shot down by NATO in a dogfight over Serbia on Tuesday.

As NATO claimed its most successful attacks, the alliance's top general acknowledged the airstrikes have failed to stem the ethnic cleansing campaign in Kosovo.

Gen. Klaus Naumann, a German four-star general and retiring head of NATO's military arm, said the air operation "has slowed down the efforts of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's instruments for ethnic cleansing" but "we cannot stop such a thing entirely."

"Milosevic's mass deportation campaign appears achievable," Naumann said, adding that while the Yugoslav cannot defeat NATO, he might be able to "completely force ethnic Albanians out."

The briefing was Naumann's last before he completes his three-year tour as chairman of the NATO Military Committee.

Milosevic on Tuesday praised top army commanders for defying NATO, "the biggest aggressor in the world." The Yugoslav leader met with several top army commanders on Tuesday, praising them for defying NATO and saying the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army had been "fully defeated."

In a statement read on state television, Milosevic said "the next task" of his security forces is "the persistent defense" of Yugoslavia from NATO.

British defense officials said more than 50 targets were hit over the previous 24 hours in relentless attacks

focusing on Yugoslav forces in Kosovo, including strikes against tanks, artillery and military vehicles.

Briefing reporters in Brussels, Maj. Gen. Walter Jertz said NATO's operations over the past day were the most successful to date against field forces in Kosovo.

On Monday, Yugoslav media reported a NATO missile hit a bus, killing 20 people in western Kosovo.

However, NATO spokesman Jamie Shea said its commanders had checked all gun cameras from planes operating in the area and interviewed all pilots.

"We can find no evidence of any

NATO involvement in this," Shea insisted.

"It's classic ambush count," said of the Pec area where Serbs and rebels had heavy skirmishes, adding that the bus did not have been hit by a missile from an aircraft.

Serb forces were responsible for the attack, the rebel ethnic Albanian agency said.

According to a French-language patch by a Kosova press new the bus had been transported by forces and was abandoned a few hours before NATO airstrikes in the area.

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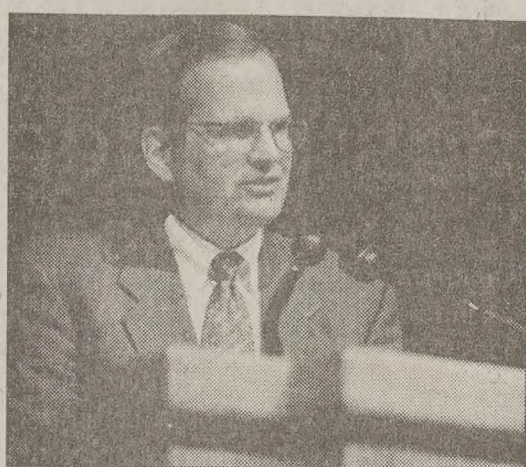
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## Cameron: Appreciate Spring Term

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Scott Cameron, associate dean of the J. Reuben Clark Law School, speaks on the topic of "scales of rejoicing" on Tuesday.

Cameron, associate dean of the J. Reuben Clark Law School, spoke on Tuesday about practicing "our scales of rejoicing" during the Spring Term. He gave several suggestions. The first scale of rejoicing is to dis-irly morning. Cameron said, "Cease to sleep; be needful; retire to thy chamber; and thy bodies and your minds be invigorated." The second scale of rejoicing is to be in a sacred time of day, he said. He counseled students to be moving in the morning. Exercise can be one of the ways to help us feel alive," he said.

The third scale of rejoicing is to look at your surroundings. "The rhythms of nature and its attractions can be sources of peace and hope," Cameron said. The fourth scale of rejoicing is searching for the sacred in the mundane. Cameron said he calls people's hopes for flashes of inspiration, "ah ha" experiences. The fifth scale of rejoicing is to expect profound insights in the classroom. Cameron said he believes the classroom can be a place for "ah ha" experiences.

## tion to benefit Provo homes

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An Auction presented by the Provo Chapter of the BYU Alumni Association will be from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Alumni House. The auction will feature works from the collection of Michael Coleman, a Provo resident. The collection includes paintings, sculpture and ceramics for every style and price range will be sold. All the pieces have been donated for a worthy cause, said Michael Phillips, co-chairman of the Utah County Alumni Association. "We are building hope. The Habitat for Humanity builds hope by building homes — hope for individuals, hope for the community, hope for all of us." Habitat for Humanity is an international group of volunteers that strive to make lives better by building decent housing for the community. This project will allow four families to have a home by Christmas. Families that qualify for Habitat for Humanity homes have to come from grossly inadequate housing, Phillips said. "Families that have moved into

## g disorders a problem for students

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Equating this with the media image of the perfect body," he said. But not all experts agree. Diane Spangler, a professor in the Clinical Psychology Department, said determining whether or not the religious atmosphere in Utah plays a part in eating disorders is speculation. Spangler is conducting studies on what promotes eating disorders and what to do about them. These studies focus on body satisfaction levels. "How people feel about their bodies is a great predictor of what they will do to their bodies," Spangler said. "There is a greater body acceptance as people grow older." Both Spangler and Tubbs work with

## battles pornographic Web sites

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Robert Allen, the product manager of I.T. Services, said BYU is able to block sites by means of their Internet Protocol addresses. Allen said the use of I.P. addresses to block sites can sometimes block an entire server with the same address. "There are a lot less accidental or unintentional viewings," Allen said. "But sites that shouldn't be blocked are sometimes blocked." Roger Goodrich, the director of USI computer support, blames the lack of Internet bandwidth for the unnecessary limitations. "The Internet bandwidth is not

broad enough to allow full flow of data," Goodrich said. Goodrich also said the providers of pornographic Web sites know how to play the game as well as the regulators. Despite the limitations placed on students, there is a general sense of support for BYU's efforts to keep the Net clean. There's no reason to view pornographic material on the Internet, said Paul Lamb, 23, a senior from Page, Ariz., majoring in information systems. "We've been advised by church leaders to avoid those kind of materials," he said.

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## Alumni to host Education Day

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The Emeritus group of the BYU Alumni Association will present Emeritus Education Day May 8 in the Madsen Recital Hall. Three speakers, Sen. Bob Bennett (R-Utah) and professors David Galbraith and Daniel Peterson will discuss Y2K issues and the LDS Church research studies with emeritus alumni.

The Emeritus group, with 25,000 members, is one of eight organizations that supports on-campus alumni activities as part of the BYU Alumni Association's mission of building uncommon loyalty, support and service among alumni and friends of BYU.

The Emeritus group consists of alumni who graduated 40 years ago or more, as well as retired faculty

and administrators of BYU.

"Education Day brings alumni up-to-date on what's going on and what we should do," said Robert Driggs, president of the Alumni Association.

Sen. Bennett, Chairman of the Senate Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem, "is in a key position to provide us with the progress being made with the Y2K problem. There is not a more informed member of Congress with his background on this subject," said David Schulthess, emeritus alumnus.

"Awareness: Understanding how serious the problem is, in fact, is our biggest challenge," Bennett said in a July 15, 1998 speech to the National Press Club. "We can do a lot of things in the U.S. Congress, but we cannot legislate that the year 2000 will not come. We cannot pass a law saying we will only allow the year 2000 to occur once these fixes have

been made. So we have to do something very, very dramatic," he said.

David Galbraith, professor of political science at BYU will speak on "Mormons, Arabs and Jews: A shared Destiny."

Galbraith, a member of the team that developed plans for the Jerusalem Center under the direction of the First Presidency, lived in Jerusalem for 20 years and spent 15 years serving as a director of the Jerusalem Study abroad program. Now he teaches international organization, Middle East studies and conflict management classes at BYU.

All emeritus alumni are encouraged to attend. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Tickets are \$11 and includes lunch.

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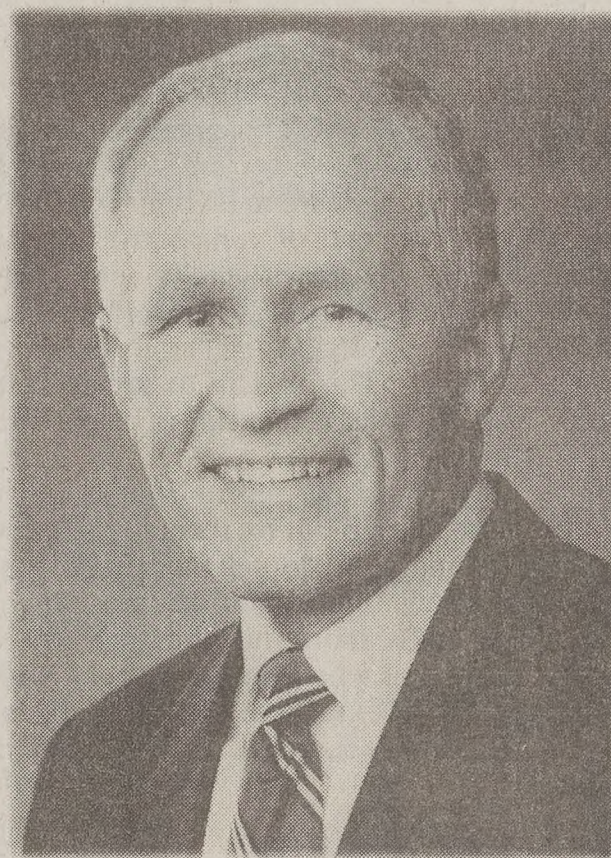
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Before his calling as a General Authority, his Church assignments included serving as president of the Scotland Edinburgh Mission, stake president, and bishop of three different wards.

Elder Banks attended the University of Utah and is the former owner and

president of Intermountain Lumber Company, a Utah-based, family-owned business. At the time of his call to the Seventy, he turned the business over to family members. He was previously employed by two road machinery equipment companies.

He is an outdoor and sports enthusiast who enjoys bicycling, racquetball, and water and snow skiing. He loves participating in these activities with his wife, children, and grandchildren. He is married to Susan Kearnes Banks, and they are the parents of seven sons and one daughter.

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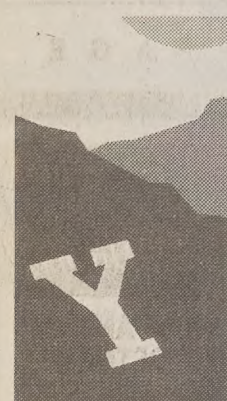
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## Keep eye on changes

Once again, the nation's business pages are reporting the rumblings of another scrum involving the merger of players on the telecommunications field.

On Sunday, Mediaone, the nation's fourth-largest cable company, announced that it had accepted a \$53 billion bid to merge with AT&T. At stake is control of cable lines — a key to the future of high-speed communications and the Internet.

In the process, Mediaone rejected a \$48 billion proposal from Comcast Corp. Comcast is now in the midst of a five-day scramble to improve its offer through assistance from another media player. After both America Online and Microsoft dropped out, MCI WorldCom has emerged as the latest candidate.

Reports of big-time mergers in the telecommunications industry are becoming as common as those involving Dennis Rodman's trouble making. With companies like Rupert Murdoch's NewsCorp and Ted Turner's Time Warner setting the standard, companies in the telecommunications field are bulking up to prepare for the future.

The only certainty in this business seems to be the inevitability of change. The '90s have seen a mass metamorphosis in the industry, spurred on by the technological advancements of the Internet and the deregulation brought on by the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

"It's a new game, and we're still working out the rules," said Eric Denna, BYU's vice president of technology and chief information officer.

So where does the customer stand in the wake of the massive onslaught of mergers? From the perspective of those who shell out money for services, being dwarfed by big business is not always a comforting thought. While the Telecommunications Act of 1996 was intended to increase competition, the immediate result has been more towards minimization, said Tom Griffiths, journalism curriculum coordinator for the Department of Communications.

But according to Denna, the size of the company is not always everything.

"Personally, I don't see it is a big threat," he said.

Griffiths agreed that although the legislation has so far had a counter effect, the pendulum is likely to swing back to its intended destination.

But that does not mean consumers should not keep one eye open. While issues of commerce and competition will likely iron themselves out, a reduction in the number of media outlets through merger should be looked at as more than just business. Minimization may not be without consequences when it comes to content.

"The danger is that we have fewer voices," Griffiths said. "The more stuff they're in charge of, the more they are represented.... If you have a multiplicity of views in that process, then somewhere the truth would emerge."

According to Griffiths, the standard for the immediate future is set — and that standard is fewer outlets for divergent views. Yes, change in the industry is inevitable. This should not drive us to paranoia, but should not deter us from scrutiny either. No matter how far technology can take us, the importance of diversity in media content will never become outdated.

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## From the Fifth Floor

## No choice but gun control

Mississippi, Kentucky, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Oregon and now, Colorado. These states form a list of seven incidents of shootings at schools that have claimed a combined 32 lives in the last 19 months. Closer to home, shootings at the Triad Center and the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City have taken three innocent lives in the past few months.

Obviously, what ultimately needs to be changed are the people holding the guns in these tragedies, but there is no law in the world that will do that. As the list of innocent lives lost to senseless acts of violence continues to grow — and statistics show that, suicides excluded, 15,874 people died by gunfire in 1996 — we have no choice but to do something about it. Our only real option is gun control, and it has to be done now.

Religious leaders in Utah have recognized this need and called for tightening of Utah's soft gun laws, which allow the purchase, registration and carrying of shotguns and rifles without a permit, and only require a permit to carry a handgun, not to buy or register one.

LDS Church President Gordon B. Hinckley has spoken out on the issue as well. At the funeral of one of the men killed at the Family History Library, he said that "you cannot have an indiscriminate allowance of firearms without abuses," as reported in The Salt Lake Tribune.

As much as the NRA and other gun-rights advocates will hate it, law makers must take this cue from religious leaders and set more limits on purchasing and possessing guns.

Between 1980 and 1994, 60.3 percent of Americans owned firearms and 34 percent owned handguns. Opponents of gun control argue that those "guns don't kill people; people kill people." This point is completely valid; it is the people holding the weapons who are responsible for what those weapons do. But holding a gun means holding the power of life and death in your hand, and too many of those gun holders have proven again and again that they can't handle that responsibility.

We need gun control because when a 16-year-old girl goes to school, she should be worrying about the history assignment she forgot to do and the cute boy in math who never seems to notice her, not dying.



By  
**Beth Palmer**  
Writing Coach

shows and bazaars where people can purchase an AK-47 without so much as having their background checked — the kind of shows where two of the weapons used in Littleton were purchased.

Unfortunately, there are no easy answers here, and the argument that more extensive gun control won't stop criminals from getting weapons is valid. But making it more difficult for people to get their hands on them may curb these incidents of children's and mentally ill people's anger and confusion erupting in violence.

In a perfect world, we wouldn't need gun control. We and our children would be safe without needing police and laws to protect us. But, as is so dismally apparent each time we pick up a newspaper or turn on the evening news, the world we live in is far from perfect, and something has to be done about it.

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## Readers' Forum

Letters may be submitted at BYU NewsNet offices, 5538 WSC, sent by e-mail ([letters@du2.byu.edu](mailto:letters@du2.byu.edu)) or faxed to 378-2959.

### Watch yourselves

Dear Editor:

I've been a student at BYU for a long time. I am now an alumnus and living in Illinois. While I was at BYU I was told countless times by teachers, bishops, visiting church leaders, and university administration that BYU students' behavior was carefully scrutinized by others, that we are an example to the rest of the world, both in academics and in how we live our lives.

I believed it then and I believe it now. A talk that I heard in sacrament meeting two weeks ago supports it. A man in our ward had recently taken his family to Utah to see General Conference. They were very excited to get into the Tabernacle and really enjoyed the Saturday session. That evening this man attended the Priesthood session with his sons at the Marriott Center. Again, they were excited to be at BYU (Harvard of the West and veritable City of Enoch) and hear the words of the prophet.

However, any good impressions this family had about the spiritual caliber of the men at that session were quickly tainted when tens of them got up and left before the closing prayer. This man expressed dismay at this behavior.

I am not harping on this incident. I merely point out that we are being watched. The prophet has told us that great things will be accomplished by BYU students. I believe him. Let's show the world that we can be all he envisions. However, many times greatness is best demonstrated by the little choices that we make everyday.

**Miles Coleman**  
St. Charles, Ill.

### Keep the beauty

Dear Editor:

For the past 25 years I have enjoyed walking on what was (until recently) the beautifully wooded path along the canal on the southern part of campus. For a number of us faculty and students (and even visitors) this has been a haven — a place of solitude, quiet and natural beauty. This cathedral of wooded giants and thickets has been our retreat from the concrete, metal and asphalt; from the daily bustle, noise and stress of phones, classes and deadlines. It has also been the habitat for sparrows, robins, quail, ducks and even deer. During the past year, however, this precious bit of nature has been in serious retreat. Dozens of trees have been cut down and the larger part of the shrubs and bushes have been cut away. The path's beauty has been diminished by the scars of saws and axes. Its solitude is now disrupted by the noise of nearby roads and traffic; much of the animal habitat has been eliminated. And the devastation is apparently continuing. For what purpose? In the name of safety, some say. If so, this is difficult for me to understand, since I feel much safer in those beautiful woods than crossing a parking lot or street on campus. I would sooner eliminate a few roads or a parking lot on campus in the name of safety. What will it take to make us safe? When all the trees and bushes on campus have come down, will we be safe then? I would be grateful if those responsible for this nearly wholesale destruction of our tiny bit of woods would come forth and explain what they are trying to accomplish and when it will end. It would perhaps provide a bit of a comfort to know why such a project is necessary and if there is some reason to this apparent madness.

**Calvin Bartholomew**  
Pope Professor of Chemical Engineering

### What's in a name?

Dear Editor:

Let me first start by saying that I love the Universe. I read it every day and have read it faithfully for the last couple of years. I especially like the interesting headlines and the way the headlines are written. Is there a guy that you pay to think of headlines?

Which brings me to the point. How can a perfect paper be improved you may ask? Although this is not an easy question, I have an easy answer. Think about the enthusiasm that BYU students feel at football and basketball games. Have you ever wondered where

that enthusiasm comes from? (I'll give you a hint: Cosmo the Mascot) Have you wondered how to harness student enthusiasm in the paper? My solution is instead of calling the paper "The Universe," call it "The Cosmos."

With a name like "The Cosmos," we could have a paper title that relates to the ever so lovable and inspiring mascot Cosmo and still keeps the same general meaning as the present title "Universe."

Reason #1. Cosmo is the reason there is so much enthusiasm at the football and basketball games. He is a high profile image on the side of the playing field. All eyes are on him when he starts to get in the groove. This is probably because he, quite frankly, has got the moves. I tell you what, that cat can put on a show. Now if we associate the Mascot with the paper, we can harness student enthusiasm.

Reason #2. By using the name "Cosmo," we will create a meaning that is slightly different, yet strikingly similar to the out of date "Universe." The definition of cosmos in the "New Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus" states cosmos as, "The universe viewed from an orderly whole." Boom. There it is. The perfect name for the perfect paper. It's catchy and cool, yet strangely sophisticated.

Finally, I have done my own personal poll, so that I can back my idea with public opinion. I asked 12 people what they thought of the name change. Of the 12, seven thought it was a good idea. Three people didn't think that it was a good idea (they just didn't consider the good it would do for the newspaper). Two people were undecided, but I think that I could sway their vote. So what do you say? Is it a deal?

**J.D. Dyer**  
Reno, Nev.

### Long line blues

Dear Editor:

I just escaped from the bookstore. Although one student behind me thought the sell-back lines reminded him of Disneyland, let's face it. It's a lot less fun when we get taken for a ride at the bookstore, and it's getting worse. Did anyone else notice that there is no longer a board to tell you which books are not being bought back? A bookstore employee in the back office told me that putting up a board was "impossible" and that students only have to wait "10 to 30 minutes" anyway thanks to the new line system. Don't get me wrong, the employees are very friendly and doing an admirable job. But even though it may be "business as usual" as far as the bookstore is concerned, times are changing. Barnes & Noble learned that lesson when Amazon.com and Spree.com came along. Has the BYU Bookstore learned anything yet? During Fall semester, some of my friends got refunds at the BYU Bookstore and saved \$10-20 per book by buying them at Spree.com instead. A professor of mine advised students to use Amazon.com because the bookstore's "rush order" would take a week to arrive and Amazon could deliver it faster and cheaper. I've saved over \$100 myself by using Bookswap.com to buy and sell used books to other students who also want to cut out the middleman. Professors and students, spread the word: You can save money by using Bookswap.com and by finding deals on new books at Internet bookstores. Let's end the bookstore lines.

**Eric Jarvi**  
Morrisville, Pa.

### Respect goes both

Dear Editor:

Respect, honor and trust are words around us at BYU. Honor means that keep your word. Trust means having fidence of others; that we will respect them by keeping our word. means having regard for someone else's elders.

Many of our "elders" don't treat us the same respect that they demand. I tried to BYU in 1997. To receive credit transfer classes I had to speak with in my department. She was never office. My phone calls remain unanswered. Recently, I had to talk to this same person. When I joked that I thought that she really existed, she became offensive. In that over two semesters, I had come for her over six times, to which she said, "I don't believe that." Not in a way, but in a "you're full of it" tone.

Aside from being a commandment, should I respect my elders, if they berate and talk down to me, merely they are in a position of authority. Am I untrustworthy merely because student? Are we as students required to "it" in the name of temperance and mercy? No we are not. A hint of venom in with a teacher can lead to an Honor Office report. They've got all the pull — where are ours? Go home, your wounds because it won't get a Respect, honor and trust only work if upheld.

**Mac Williams**  
Woodstock, Ga.

### We'll decide

Dear Editor:

We would first like to offer our congratulations to the authors of the well-written editor in the Daily Universe (about the new acceptance standards). I would also like to express our appreciation for their proposal, and are eager for their proposal to be made in the physical form of many of our "sweet spirits." However, I feel it a bit odd that the first two authors are female. Obviously they must be in the top 10 percentile. As an exhibit would ask that the authors be one of us. We would like to see if they feel the same way. In person or through casual photographs we could accurately assess their appearance. We appreciate your enthusiasm and willingness to improve life at BYU just for national rankings but for a moral atmosphere. Your prompt submission ensure a response. Thank you for your attention and we patiently wait for your entry into our lives.

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Pink tulips were planted outside the Utah Valley Regional Medical Center as a memorial to women with breast cancer. The Gardens of Hope serve as a reminder that early detection can save lives.

## Flowers honor cancer victims

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It was a cool day in October when they were planted. Now, the Gardens of Hope have blossomed in time for Mother's Day.

Pink tulip bulbs were planted last fall by people affected by breast cancer: husbands, children, college students and survivors. The tulips gardens at five Utah County hospitals are living memorials of women who have courageously fought the battle of breast cancer.

"We wanted to increase awareness of breast cancer," said Tara Avena, program director at the Central Utah American Cancer Society. "Early detection is so important in the battle against this disease."

In each Garden of Hope, a plaque was placed in honor of women.

"The tulips were in the ground all winter, cold and dormant. This spring, they bloomed and became beautiful," Avena compared the experience of the tulip bulbs to women who survive breast cancer.

Mindy Maiben drives past the Utah Valley Regional Medical Center daily. Maiben, 23, a senior from Barrington, Ill., majoring in elementary education, said she sees the pink tulips as a sign of hope.

"I was really good friends with a

teacher in high school that was diagnosed with breast cancer. She had to have a mastectomy and was sick for almost a year, but she survived and is teaching again," Maiben said. "The tulips have reminded me to be aware of breast cancer."

The Gardens of Hope also inspire survivors. Marleen Jones was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1994. Jones, a resident of Hoffman Estates, Ill., saw the pink tulips while she was in Provo for Women's Conference.

"I have four daughters, three sons-in-law, three grandchildren, and a wonderful husband. Each Mother's

Day that I am still cancer-free is so thankful," Jones said. "I am so grateful to still be here with my family."

This Mother's Day the pink tulips are a reminder of the women who have fought breast cancer. According to an ACS pamphlet printed this year, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 1999. Of these, 23,000 will die.

"We knew the tulips would be here before Mother's Day. We wanted the Gardens of Hope to remind mothers and daughters that early detection is the key to fighting breast cancer," Avena said.

## Business booms for Mom's Day

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Some local flower shops plan to hire more help to compensate for additional business during the Mother's Day season.

Mother's Day brings in more customers than the traditional flower-giving holiday, Valentine's Day, said Ryan Robinson of the Flower Basket.

"Not everyone has a sweetheart, but everyone has a mother," Robinson said.

The Flower Basket plans to hire two designers and additional drivers to help create and deliver Mother's Day orders, he said.

Spring baskets are the most common orders placed for Mother's Day, Robinson said. People like to order bright flowers that match the season.

"Corsages are purchased a lot for traditional purposes, to be given to mothers," Robinson said.

Karen's Floral Design has also hired more designers and deliverers to compensate for increased orders received during Mother's Day, said Lana Hansen, a company employee.

The company relies on seasonal hiring to get through the busy holiday. Hansen said Karen's Floral Design also uses seasonal help for other flower-giving seasons throughout the year.

People plan better when ordering flowers for their mothers, Hansen said. Generally, they place Mother's Day orders in advance.

Valentine's Day brings a large rush because last minute orders are often made, she said. It is easier for design teams to work during Mother's Day because customers usually plan orders earlier.

Hansen said people often order containers for the flowers they give as Mother's Day gifts. Containers and baskets are long-lasting keepsakes for mothers.

George Bills of Four Seasons Flowers said the Mother's Day season is busier than regular days, but orders are not overwhelming.

Competition in the floral industry is one reason holidays are manageable for florists, Bills said.

"There are a lot more flower shops to pick from these days," he said.

He also said most people would rather make quick purchases from street vendors instead of going to flower shops.

Bills said most of Four Seasons' Mother's Day business comes from male buyers. Men like to buy cut flowers because they are a quick purchase, he said.

## Gifts for moms not easy to choose

By DAVID FORSTROM  
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With Mother's Day just around the corner, flowers, chocolates and jewelry are bound to be the traditional gifts of choice.

But is that what mothers really want? Few, besides moms, know the answer to that question.

"Flowers are nice and I enjoy getting them, but that may not always be what I want," said Mary Palmer, a mother of five children. "Sometimes it's the little things that count, and nothing tangible."

Several BYU students said they don't know what their mothers want and aren't sure why they bought certain Mother's Day gifts.

"I think it's just habit or the traditional thing to do. I just buy flowers and a card every year, and don't even think about it," said Clifton Dukes, a junior from Zebulon, Ga., majoring in Spanish.

Dave Ward, 26, from Salt Lake City, agreed that flowers are a "classic" Mother's Day gift.

To some mothers it's not the gift or its value that matters, but the day and what it means to them.

Instead of the scent of beautiful roses, the rich taste of chocolate or

the sparkle of new jewelry, other Mother's Day gifts can express love without price tags.

Such gifts involve acts of service, not dollars amounts. Some mothers have found that gifts from the heart, rather than the wallet, are most rewarding.

"A massage, a break from the children or even breakfast in bed would all be quite nice," said Debbie Smart of Boise, Idaho, who is a mother of six children.

Bart Bingham, 23, a junior from Carey, Idaho majoring in history, likes to give his mom meaningful gifts.

"I always give my mom a nice card with a note in it saying I'll do something special for her," Bingham said. "Flowers eventually die, but the memory of doing something she really wanted stays with you forever."

One mother said she wanted a break from motherhood on Mother's Day.

"All I want is some time alone with my husband," said Theresa McCumby, a mother of two children.

## Helpful Hints for Lasting Flowers:

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# Local school children make gifts for Mother's Day

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Contributions from the children have allowed some local elementary school students to make Mother's Day gifts this year.

At VanLeuven, a fifth-grade teacher at Timpanogos Elementary School, received a grant to fund her Mother's Day project this year. The grant allowed the children to make clay vases and the pottery as gifts for their mothers.

From Utah Valley Regional Junior Center paid for the clay, and the children were fired at Farrer Junior High School.

The children's fifth-graders are the students at Timpanogos Elementary School who made Mother's Day vases. She said the clay is too costly and time-consuming every class to participate.

"31 vases we made, it took about two hours to fire them," she said.

When she chose the pottery project, she said molding clay is therapeutic and the project has been beneficial for students, and the

vases will be cherished by their mothers for years.

"I have molds of hands in clay that my children made in kindergarten over 20 years ago. I also have cards and other crafts they have made which I put in their book of remembrance," VanLeuven said.

Second-graders in all Orem elementary schools are using picture frames donated by Harmons Grocery Store to make gifts for their mothers.

"The company has donated frames to second grade classes for years, but this is the first donation made to local elementary schools because Harmons has only been in Orem for a year," said Harmons Store Director Kevin Buschnell.

Margery Beaudin's second-grade Orem Elementary School class is using the frames to frame lists of reasons they love their mothers. Her students have used school computers for their project.

The Mother's Day project is a good opportunity to orient students with computers, said Robin Johnson, Beaudin's teaching assistant.

"Each week the class visits the computer lab where they learn to type and spell on computers," Johnson said.

Monetary contributions from parents have allowed three second grade classes in Provo to make Mother's Day gifts.

Edgemont Elementary School teacher, Kay Hamblin, used the funds to help her students make plates for their mothers.

Last month, Hamblin's students created designs on treated paper. The paper was sent to Texas to be printed on plastic and made into plates.

Although some local projects under way are costly, others are being completed with smaller budgets.

Brenda Marvle, a first-grade teacher at Maeser Elementary School, is personally funding her class' project with less than \$10.

Marvle's students will use straws and colored paper to make beaded necklaces for their mothers.

A fourth-grade teacher at Edgemont Elementary School, Anne Wolsey, is using minimal resources to help her students make books for their mothers.

Wolsey is using the project to teach her students about poetry by helping them make poetry books. The students will design book covers for their poetry.



Bowdey Lynn Coon, 11, a student at Timpanogos Elementary School, showcases the vase he made for his grandmother, Jacquetta. Community donations have helped fund Mother's Day projects in many local schools.

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## Forgotten mother gets mad, children pay the price

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From a family of hopeless mothers, my mother should have known to forget Mother's Day.

When I was 16, she was the youngest sibling. Both my older siblings and my father had also managed to forget Mother's Day despite having been reminded by JC Penney and Target for the previous four weeks.

My mom returned home Mother's Day evening with shopping bags and a "to go" box. She commented on how nice the house looked, tore down her bitter note and went into her room to read. We were all scared of her for the next two weeks, but knowing we had learned our lesson, she never said another word about it.

Unfortunately, each year, several mothers, like my own, are forgotten. Moms do not dwell on the ignorance of their children, rather they make their day everything they want it to be on their own. Calories do not count on Mother's Day, paying full price is justified and submitting your children to slave labor is understandable. After all, Mom is the boss of everything.



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baseboards and my sister made a card to trick my mom into thinking we had it for days. The saddest part of the whole ordeal was that I, at 16, was the youngest sibling. Both my older siblings and my father had also managed to forget Mother's Day despite having been reminded by JC Penney and Target for the previous four weeks.

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## Moms cheer for kids

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Some of BYU athletics' biggest fans may not paint their hair blue, but they might pull it out with concern. Worrying is just part of the job of a BYU athlete's mother.

"My mom gets pretty excited, as long as I'm not getting hurt," said Jacob Hatch, a linebacker on the BYU football team. Hatch, a junior from Byron, Wyo., majoring in recreation management, said his mother comes to every game she can.

Hatch said she calls him before road trips to wish him luck. When he returns from a game she always calls to see how it went. In addition, she often sends him food.

"She's always concerned about me eating," Hatch said with a laugh. He said sometimes she has the "goodies" made by someone in Provo and then sent to him.

This support is typical of other moms of BYU athletes as well. Lori Cuff, a forward on the women's basketball team, said her mom is very supportive of her playing basketball.

"She probably gets to four of five games a week," she said. Cuff, a senior from Orem, Utah County, majoring in school health, said she grew up playing basketball with her 10 brothers and

sisters.

"We all play basketball so she's an avid basketball fan," she said.

Cuff said her mother is a very dedicated fan, often wearing BYU shirts or sweaters to the games. She also shows her dedication by calling before games to wish Cuff good luck.

"My dad works out of town so sometimes she comes to the games alone," Cuff said.

For Cuff, her mother is a big support at tough times during games.

"We have a little sign that when I'm on the bench and she's in the crowd we'll give each other," Cuff said. "That means I'm okay and she still supports me."

Cuff and her mother share another special bond. Although Cuff is married, she wears her maiden name, Henry, on her uniform.

"My mom says that since she raised me in basketball I should still keep Henry on my uniform," she said.

As a result, basketball fans will see her play as Henry-Cuff.

Carmen Borrowman of North Salt Lake, is the mother of Jeff Borrowman, a member of the men's gymnastics team. Borrowman said she feels a close bond with her son and his team members.

"He's part of a team," she said. "The rest of the boys are part of my family."

## Cards celebrate mothers

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Mother's Day greeting cards have been around for decades, but they still hold meanings for the mothers who receive them.

During those sentimental Valentine's Day mushy ones that get me teary-eyed, said Soozee Hickman, a Valencia, Calif.

When it was first Mother's Day in the early 1920s, Hallmark had increased card sales 100 percent. Now the company has more than 1,400 different birthday card designs, said Peter Hallmark customer service employee.

Card sales pick up during Mother's Day, making it the third biggest card-giving holiday of the year. About 54 million cards are exchanged for Mother's Day, he said.

"It's funny, sweet, and cheesy and it contributes to a Mother's Day card of 32 percent.

"Mothers like to receive cards from their children because they think that thought has gone into it," said Debbie Kirkham, a San Diego, Calif.

"I got a card from one of my friends that reflects their personality and it says me they took the time to write me that most expresses what I want to say," Kirkham said.

Simple messages, like "I love you," also tug on a mother's heartstrings, said Pamela Lane, a Simi Valley, Calif.

"A mother can say the sweetest things in the simplest ways," Lane said. "It could be through a simple, beautiful card with a kind message, or they find a nice poem and a few words emphasizing the most to them."

Students can acknowledge their mothers on the holiday by purchasing Mother's Day cards, said Lane. A sophomore from Orem, majoring in business management, said she knows her mother knows she didn't forget her. Lane said, "Mother's Day is the chance to express my thoughts that I may not usually say."



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Lori Smith, 22, a senior from Chicago majoring in nursing, looks for a Mother's Day card in the BYU Bookstore.

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## Y athletes look to pros

Shawn Bradley  
already in pros;  
Tait, Pond drafted;  
Morris, others wait

By TRICIA GARNER  
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Imagine signing a paper that guarantees a cool million dollars just for going out and playing ball.

Now imagine staring down four more years of college before collecting the cash, coupled with the possibility of becoming injured.

"You'll get hurt before you finish school," the agents say. "You don't need school anyway if you're going to be a millionaire."

A tempting proposition, to be sure, and one that is receiving more and more attention in recent years. Professional athletes are becoming younger, and in the process, quicker, stronger and, most of all, wealthier.

While it was once a surprise for an athlete to leave school early, the Peyton Mannings and Grant Hills are becoming more and more scarce in favor of kids who jump the collegiate ship early for the glamour of the professional sports world. Sometimes they forego college altogether, figuring a couple of games against a Jersey kid from St. Anthony's is enough preparation for going up against Shaquille O'Neal down in the post.

However, for every Kobe Bryant there's a Scotty Thurman. For every Ryan Leaf there's a Scott Harley. And for every Alex Rodriguez a Mike Mordecai falls by the wayside, spurring debate among sports experts over the pros and cons of early draft entries.

This controversy is not a foreign one to BYU. Just last weekend, offensive tackle John Tait made good on the decision to forego his senior season as a Cougar, after being chosen as the 14th pick in this year's NFL Draft by the Kansas City Chiefs.

"I felt I was ready for the challenges of the NFL," Tait told reporters following the draft. "I started three years in a row, started every game. I kind of got some feedback from the NFL that I was ready."

"It comes down to whether another year of college would have benefited me that much. You have to weigh the risks and the rewards. I figured I played a good year my junior year, and I decided to make the leap," he said.

Tait was picked by many to be the best offensive tackle in the draft. ESPN analyst Mel Kiper, Jr. had chosen Tait to go 10th overall, while Sports Illustrated listed him at 12th. By ending up 14th, Tait fell a little lower than expected, but still high enough to warrant the predictions that he will quickly become an impact player in the NFL.

There is no question that Tait has NFL-caliber talent. But did he go at the right time? Does any athlete who leaves early go at the right time? Or rather, do age and injury factors dictate that athletes go pro as soon as possible to maximize their full potential on that level?

"John went, and I think he made the right decision. I think it was the only decision," BYU middle linebacker Rob Morris said. "It just depends. There are other people who go who I don't think are ready to go. There are some who are, there are some who are not."

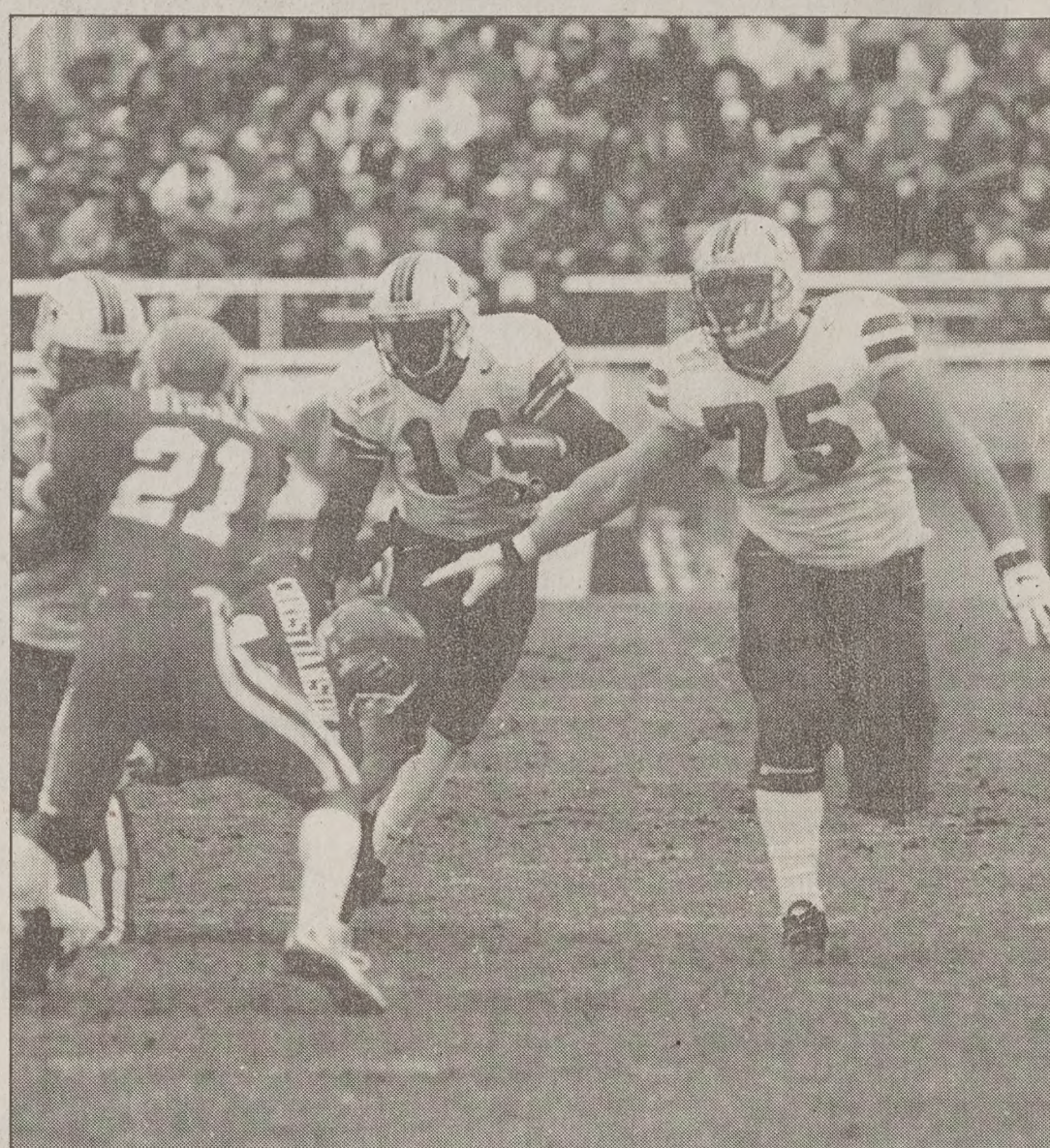
Morris is Tait's best friend and former roommate, and took the opposite road in deciding to stay at BYU his senior season this fall before entering the NFL Draft next year.

"I didn't feel like I was ready to go yet," he said. "I thought I had more to accomplish here."

According to the NFL Management Council, less than half of early NFL draft entries picked from 1991-1995 remain active in the league. The NFL Players Association states that 3.3 years is the duration of the average professional football career, which still begs the question, is it worth delaying or quitting school altogether for a career that may shortly be over?

Both Morris and Tait are return missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, making them two to three years older than the average NFL rookie and thus factoring in an additional concern into the equation.

"It's hard to say (if age is a major factor). It's a risk either way. It would have been a risk to go, and it's a risk to stay," Morris said. "Some of the people in the NFL say (age) is a big deal, some people say it's not a big deal. Definitely, age is something to be considered, because you can't play the game forever, but I had a lot of people in the NFL tell me it wasn't a



Darren Wilcox/Universe

Offensive lineman John Tait, No. 75, clears a path for Margin Hooks in the Cougars' win over Utah last season. Tait is one of several BYU athletes hoping for a successful pro sports career.

big deal."

For other BYU athletes, however, age does become a big factor. With more and more athletes going pro at the ages of 19 or 20, the sense of urgency is heightened for individuals who serve two-year LDS missions.

Take Shawn Bradley. After two years off from basketball to serve a mission for the LDS church, Bradley announced in 1993 that he would forego his three years of remaining eligibility to enter the NBA Draft.

Bradley was drafted second overall by the Philadelphia 76ers, but struggled early on. After failing to live up to the franchise-player expectations, Bradley was shipped off to the New Jersey Nets where he was frequently ridiculed by fans and media

cannot do it physically. The demands are so great. They should not choose that path."

Baseball presents a slightly different scenario. It is far more difficult for a baseball player to make an immediate impact on the major league level. Instead, athletes must go through what sometimes amounts to four or more years at the minor league level straight out of high school before even getting a shot at the big leagues.

BYU second baseman Ryan Pond was drafted by the Colorado Rockies out of high school, and was given the opportunity last season to sign a free agent contract with the Detroit Tigers. Instead, Pond served an LDS mission to Argentina and then returned to finish school.

However, the decision was more difficult than it may sound. Pond was injured when he was drafted in high school, and as a result was drafted lower, but said the scenario changes when a player is drafted higher.

"If you're drafted in the top 10 rounds, you're looking at some pretty good money," Pond said.

"It's tempting. Each year I have to decide to come back, which is tough with all the money, but an education is really important to me."

Depending on how the next draft goes, Pond may still pursue baseball at a more competitive level, but has also found his age as a LDS return missionary to be an obstacle at times.

"In the eyes of other people, (serving a mission) is a big disadvantage," Pond said. "Sometimes they kind of give up on you."

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## Golfers lead by 18 in WAC

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Pebble Beach, Calif. — BYU Freshman Manuel Merizalde from Calif., Columbia shot a two-under par 70 and junior Andy Miller added an even-par 72 as the Cougars opened up an 18-stroke lead heading into the final round of the Western Athletic Conference Men's Golf Championships.

The Cougars posted a two-over-par 290 team score Tuesday on the par 72, 6,835-yard Poppy Hills Golf Course, and have a 36-hole total of one-under par.

BYU head coach Bruce Brockbank said he was impressed with the team's strong start.

"Manuel shot a 70, which was phenomenal. He was solid. Andy Miller shot a 72. That was some serious golf and he stepped up big time."

"Jose Garrido shot a 73 by bogeying one hole and playing the rest of the course one-under par. That was just phenomenal golf."

Scott Miller, Andy's younger brother, added a 75.

The team scoring format counts the best four scores from each five-man team. Four of BYU's five players are in the top-11 finishers heading into the final round.

And BYU's Andy Miller had to overcome some obstacles to end up with his good score.

"I was three over after eight holes, then I birdied nine, 12 and 13; bogeyed 15 & 17 and missed a 3-footer for birdie at 18."

Jagr saves  
Pens, sinks  
Devils in 7th

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jaromir Jagr kept hockey alive in Pittsburgh and sent New Jersey to another early playoff exit, leading the Penguins to a 4-2 win over the Devils in Game 7 of their opening-round series Tuesday night.

Jagr, who revived the Penguins in Game 6 by returning from a groin injury and scoring the tying goal late and the winner in overtime, had two assists in the deciding game. His presence helped set up another goal in a three-goal second period by Pittsburgh, which won despite managing only 13 shots.

Martin Straka had a goal and two assists, and German Titov, Alexei Kovalev and Jan Hrdina added goals to advance the eighth-seeded Penguins to the second round against fourth-seeded Toronto in what is now a wide-open Eastern Conference.

The top three seeds, New Jersey, Ottawa and Carolina, have now been eliminated. Sixth-seeded Boston will play seventh-seeded Buffalo in the other semifinal.

This series will best be remembered for Jagr's courageous return. His missed games 2-5 with the injury and wasn't at full speed when he returned. Even at 60, 70 or 80 percent, the NHL's leading scorer was enough to handle New Jersey, now 2-5 in Game 7s.

The elimination was the third straight playoff embarrassment for the Devils.



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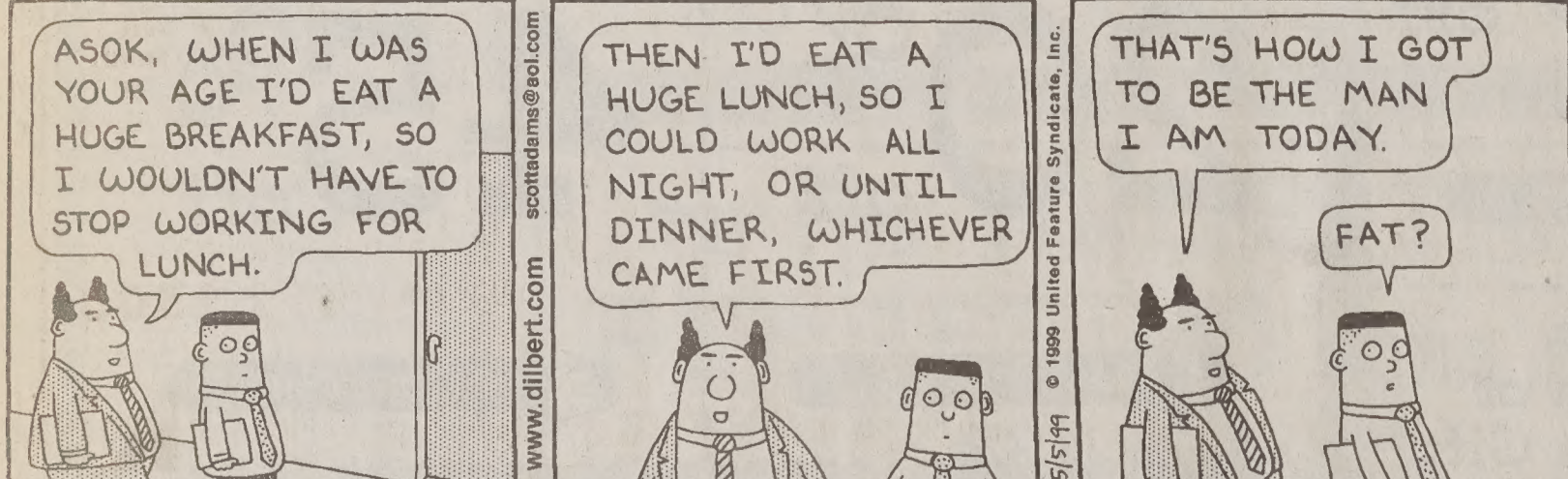
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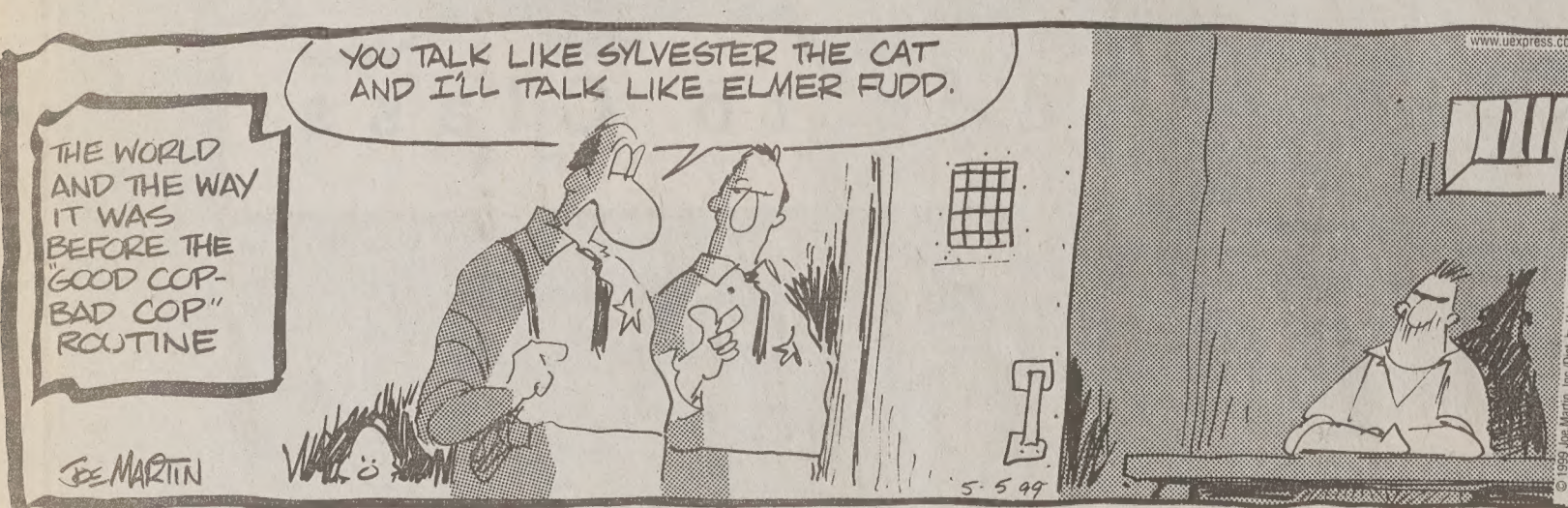
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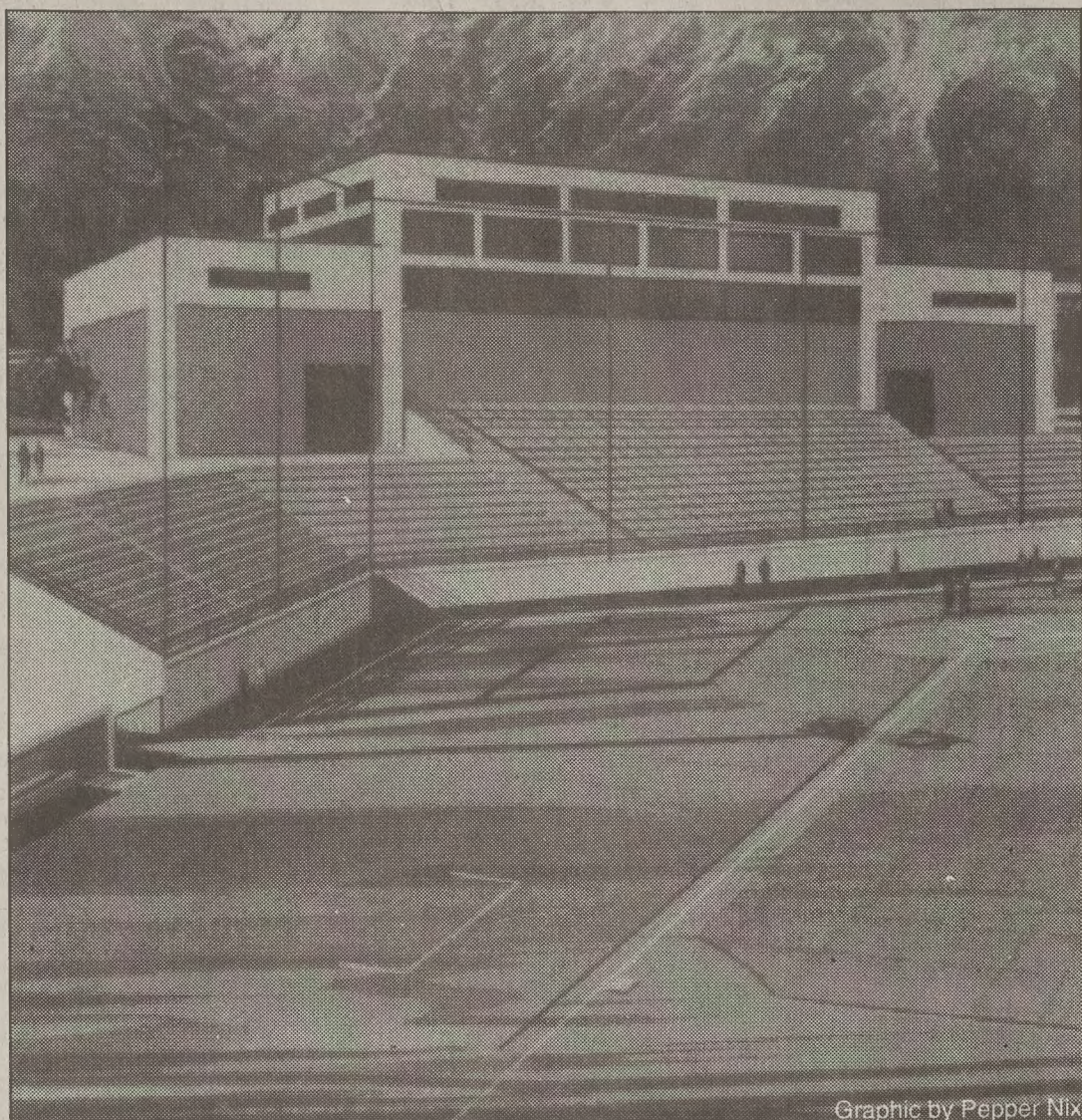
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# Stadium donation not a done deal



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Despite reports that UVSC has found a million dollar donor to fund a new baseball stadium, athletic director Michael Jacobson said it's too soon to say.

Jacobson denies reports claiming an anonymous donor has committed to a million dollar contribution.

Derek Hall, director of college relations at UVSC admits someone is considering a major donation, but for now he claims that it is "not a done deal."

Thirty days after UVSC began its campaign to raise funds for the baseball facility, Jacobson reports it is well on its way to reaching its goal. But it is a goal that needs to be attained by the whole community, not just one donor, Jacobson said.

There are approximately 70 people soliciting friends and local businesses to donate funds, yet "it's still too soon to say how much money we have received," Jacobson said.

When the facility is built it will be the "finest collegiate facility in the country," Jacobson said.

Although there are many uses for the proposed baseball stadium, like outdoor concerts and high school activities, Jacobson denied that bringing a pro-baseball team to Provo is a major reason for building the facility.

The plans include 500 chairs and 1500 bleachers, as well as centralized concessions and indoor restrooms.

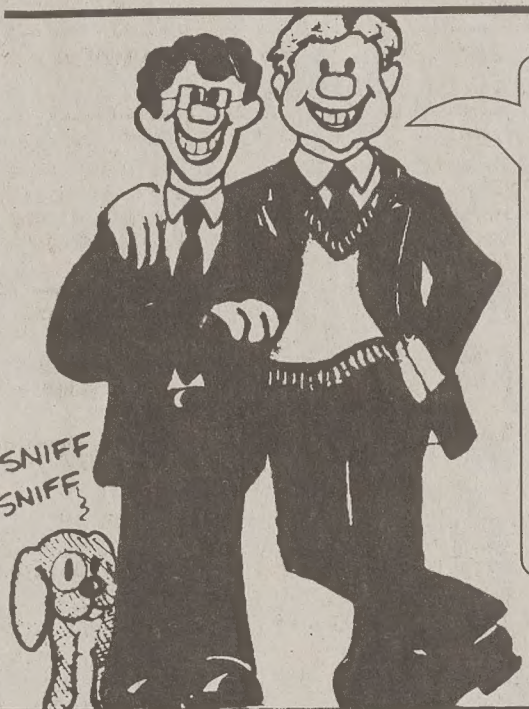
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## Billings postpones sentencing

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District judge delayed sentencing a manslaughter and kidnapping on Tuesday, because no one was for sentencing were pro the prosecution.

Lolohea, the 18-year-old woman who confessed to kidnapping, kidnapping and setting fire to her uncle, Samuela Loseli, on June 7, 1998, will return to court for sentencing on June 7.

"I know certain people are anxious to see her here, and I am too,"

Judge Steven Hansen said. "But I think it's only appropriate for all of the facts to be considered here."

Defense attorney Ken Brown proposed the court suspend sentencing Lolohea to prison and allow her to be treated for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder at the Wasatch Mental Health Center.

Brown called a psychologist, Mary Doty from the Utah State University Counseling Center, to testify that Lolohea was suffering from PTSD, which could have been a factor in her murdering Loseli.

This disorder, Doty said, was brought on from the trauma of being

raped five times by Loseli and by the pressure from her family not to tell authorities about the rape.

"She had exhausted all her avenues for getting the rape to stop," Doty said.

"I know what I did was wrong," Lolohea said through tears in a hardly audible voice. "I would like to apologize to his (Loseli's) wife and to their little girl and to the rest of his family. I'm sorry."

Hansen asked the prosecution to return in June to "make additional arguments and recommendations" and propose "alternatives" Lolohea's sentence.

## Billings proposes new budget

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Mayor Lewis Billings' "good budget" was met favorably by council on Tuesday night.

At a meeting, Provo City Council, said although he was not speaking for the whole council, he was comfortable with the mayor's budget.

Billings introduced the proposed budget at a press conference in the Provo Towne Centre Mall on Tuesday morning. Billings said that the budget is a "good budget" and that the increased spending for the police would be no increased cost to the city.

"If we can implement the budget proposed you will see significant advancements,"

Billings said.

More money is available for budget spending due to the expanded tax base provided by the Provo Towne Centre Mall, The Shops at the Riverwoods and expansion of adjoining properties, Billings said.

"The key issue is that we're able to move forward without asking for any tax increase."

The proposed budget cost is about \$96.7 million dollars. Some of the advancements proposed by the budget includes increasing safety in Provo by adding four new police officers, making a new five-member Traffic Bureau, developing a new 9-1-1 dispatch center with a new traffic control center and giving \$10,000 to the DARE program.

"If the people sit in their homes and don't feel safe, we're not doing our

job," Billings said.

Money would also be given to the fire department for a new fire-fighting apparatus, turnout-replacement, training and physicals for fire-fighters.

The budget will also provide money for rental and owner-occupied rehabilitation, preparations for the 2002 Olympics and improvements on Provo.

Under the new budget, Provo City employees will also receive a 1 percent performance increase in pay.

Billings said he has high hopes for the proposed budget with the citizens of Provo and the city council if they would investigate the details.

"Provo is a great place. We have an OK image, but we need a great image," Billings said.

Final decisions on the budget will be made in May.

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There are many more," said one of the victims.

One victim hit a hospital in Stroud, Oklahoma. There were no reports of injury from that hospital.

There was one of several that hit a one-hour period in southwest Oklahoma on Tuesday morning.

The National Weather Service Lab in Norman said the storm may have been a mile

wide at times.

"It is just the perfect type of atmosphere, very unstable and with wind shear, to create supercells," said National Weather Service forecaster David Andra.

He said forecasters expected the Oklahoma City twister to be categorized as at least F-4, the second-strongest tornado classification. There were at least three tornado warnings still in effect at 10:30 p.m.

The tornadoes that ripped through south Wichita in Kansas on Monday night damaged dozens of homes and

killed at least six people, officials said.

Several mobile homes in south Wichita were blown into a lake and several other homes were damaged, said Fred Irvin of the Sedgwick County Emergency Preparedness Office. Irvin said multiple injuries were reported in both Wichita and Haysville.

Chad Harris' mobile home was demolished with eight people inside.

"I have no trailer," Harris, 19, said. "We all rolled in it. It was the worst experience in my life."

## Crossword

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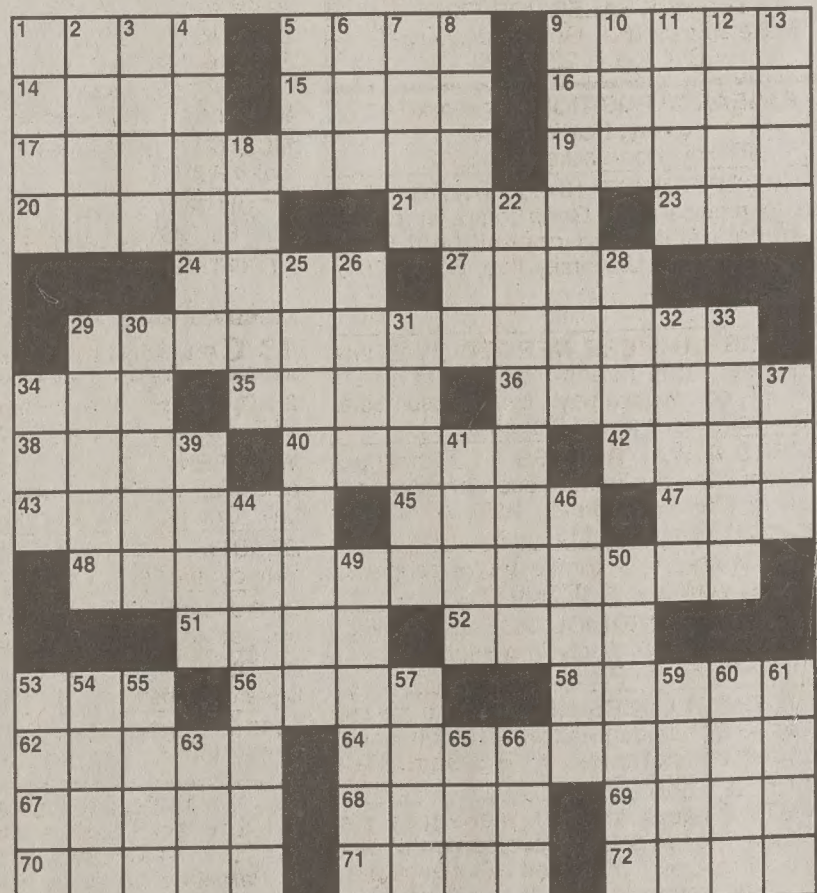
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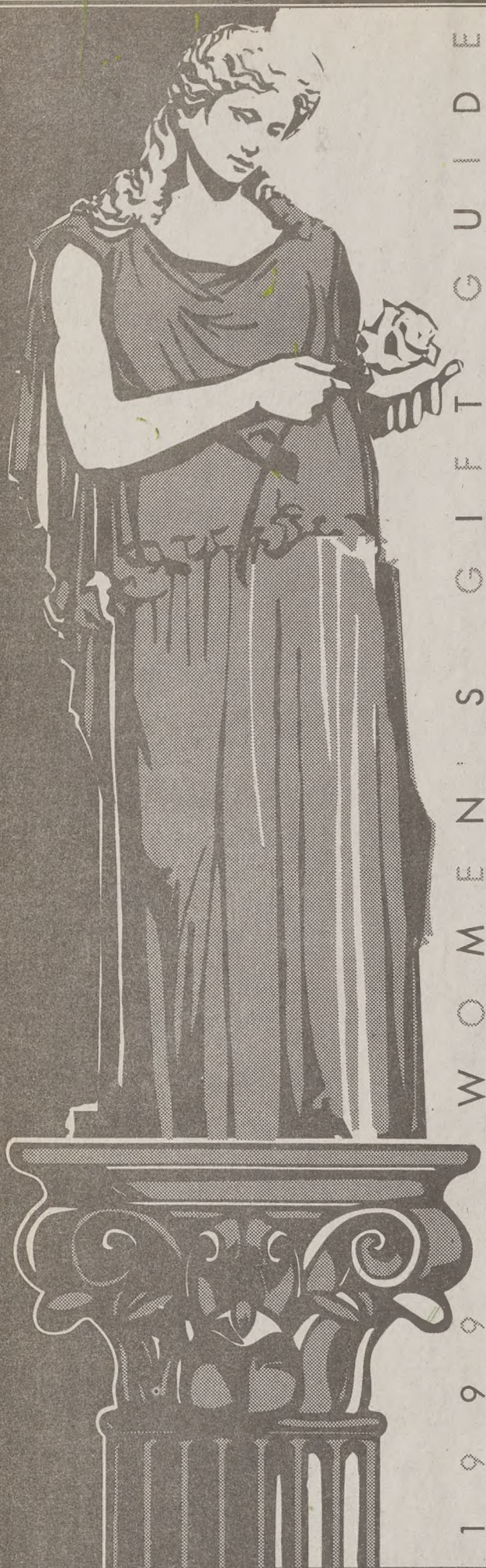
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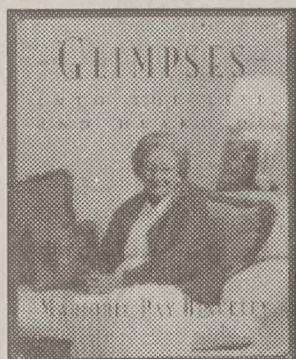
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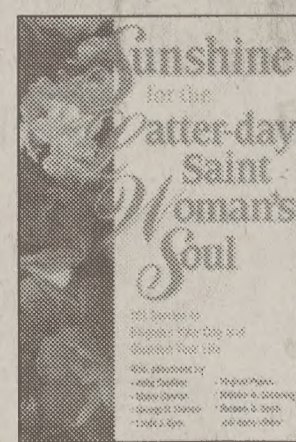
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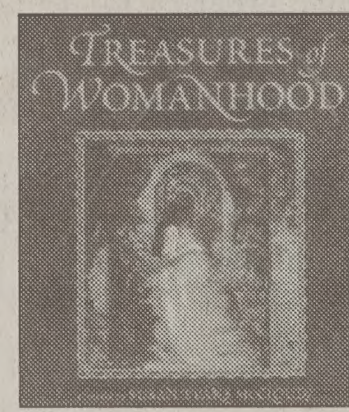
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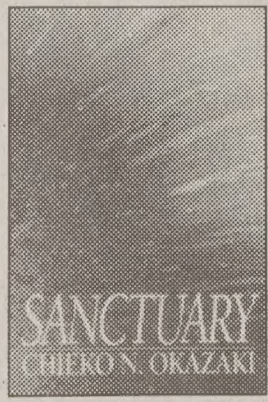
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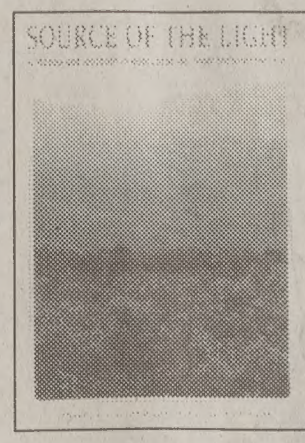
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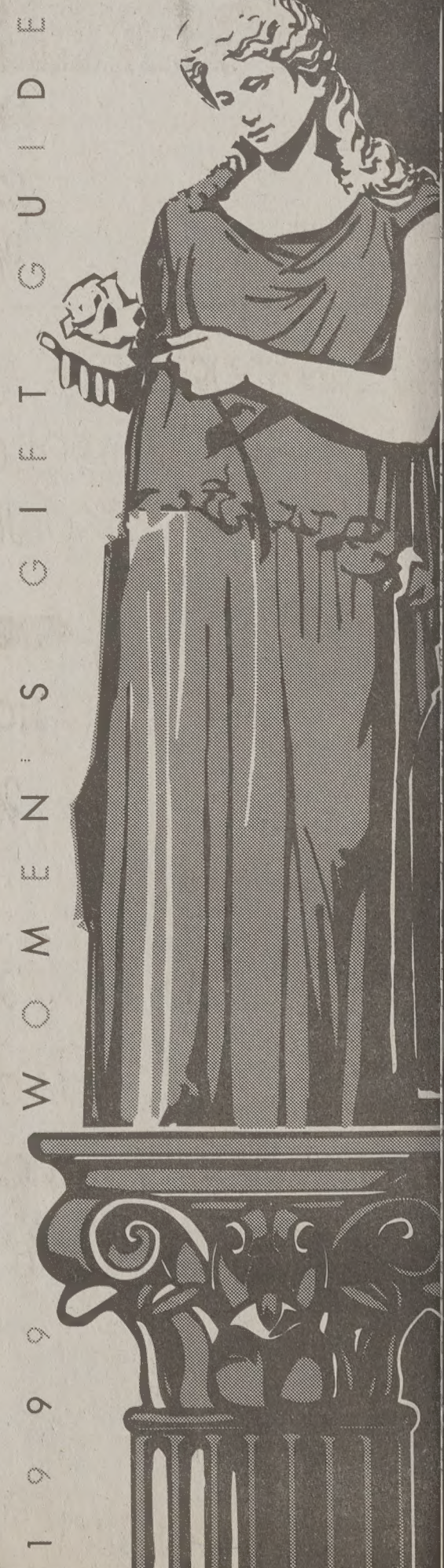
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